

Remarks

Claims 1-4 are pending.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbons et al. (US Patent No. 5,305,020) and Parsons et al. (US Patent No. 5,133,048).

Gibbons does not teach 'scanning a representative piece of paper' as taught in the specification. In the specification it is clearly stated that scanning a piece of paper is accomplished by taking a piece of the paper stock and scanning it on the platen glass of a scanner. Further, the information in Gibbons is not the visual contents of the paper. As discussed in the specification, the information of Gibbons is the physical characteristics of the paper, which is explicitly differentiated from the visual characteristics. See page 4, lines 1-5 of the specification.

As stated in the office action, Gibbons does not teach updating a user interface across a network. Parsons does not teach this either. See Figures 1A and 1B, and the discussion at col. 2, lines 52-68. The user interface presented is not across a network to a remote computer, but to a workstation that is an integral part of the printing system 2. Further, Parsons does not teach scanning a representative piece of paper to provide an image containing the visual characteristics of the paper.

As amended, claim 1 requires that the scanned image include the visual contents of the paper stock. This is not shown or taught by the references, separately or in combination. Further, the user interface is not updated across a network, but on the printing system itself. It is therefore submitted that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of this claim is requested.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and inherently includes all of the limitations of the base claim. As discussed above, the prior art does not teach the limitations of the base claim much less the further embodiments of the dependent claim. It is therefore submitted that

claim 2 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of this claim is requested.

Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbons et al. and Parsons as applied to claim 1 and in combination with Applicant's Admitted Prior Art.

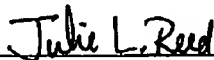
Gibbons and Parsons in combination have been addressed with regard to claim 1 and do not teach all of the limitations of the base claim 1, much less the further embodiments of claims 3 and 4.

In the office action, it is stated that the subject matter of claims 3 and 4 are Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. However, referring to the specification at page 5, lines 22-30, these applications are mentioned in the context that they exist and can be adapted to interact with the method of claim 1. Nowhere does the specification state that these applications, while well-known and popular, are capable of performing the methods of the invention as claimed in claim 1 prior to application of this invention. It is therefore submitted that these applications are not Applicant's Admitted Prior Art. Further, it is submitted that claims 3 and 4 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims 1-4 is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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